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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF CIRCLE TELEPHONE TO CIRCLE TELEPHONE & ELECTRIC, LLC

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 09-72

Comments Due: June 3, 2009

Reply Comments Due: June 10, 2009

On May 8, 2009, Circle Telephone (CT) and Circle Telephone & Electric, LLC (CTE) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules to transfer control of CT to CTE.¹ CT is an Alaska partnership that provides incumbent local exchange and exchange access services to approximately 44 subscribers in Circle, Alaska. CTE, an Alaska limited liability company, was created to assume the operations of CT and is now authorized by the State of Alaska to provide local exchange and exchange access services to the CT customers. The following U.S. citizens directly or indirectly own at least 10 percent of the equity of CTE: David Masephol, 50% and Brian Asplund, 50%. Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, CTE will purchase the assets of CT pursuant to an Asset Sale Agreement.² Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.³

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Circle Telephone to Circle Telephone & Electric, LLC, WC Docket No. 09-72 (filed May 8, 2009).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Wireline Competition Bureau finds, upon initial review, that the transfer of control identified herein is acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer of control application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before June 3, 2009**, and reply comments **on or before June 10, 2009**. Unless

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214.

² *See Id.*

³ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(iii).

otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.⁴ Comments must be filed electronically using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or (2) the Federal Government's e-Rulemaking Portal. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a) ("All comments on streamlined applications shall be filed electronically . . ."); *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS, <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>, or the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
- For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

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⁴ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.